

ham told him to remember he had his good things while living, and Lazarus had his evil things. Now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. Thus sin drags its victim down to the torments of hell.

"Without me," said Christ, "ye can do nothing." How many poor souls have been sensible of the error of their ways, at times alarmed about their sins, and have resolved to forsake them, and lead a new life; but knowing nothing of their own weakness or of Christ's strength, have resolved, and re-resolved, and died the same. To as little purpose have others said many prayers, fasted certain days, denied themselves the comforts of life, the power of sin was not lessened, the principle of sin was not weakened, the practice of sin was not prevented, when the sense of sin was worn off, and the fears of hell abated, then they returned to their old lusts once more. And remember if "ye live after the flesh, ye shall die." The Lord said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Sinner, the last knock will come, the last invitation will be given. You'll spurn the offer of mercy once too often, and be lost throughout the endless ages of eternity. "Turn ye, O turn ye, for why will ye die."

The One who forgives. He who was able to create us into the world, is the one who alone is able to blot out our transgressions. "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Peter says, "There is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby ye may be saved," none other name, but the name of Jesus. The blood of Jesus alone has the power to cleanse from all sin. According to the Mosaic law, it was necessary to sacrifice beasts, it was necessary to shed their blood for the atonement of sins. Jesus the Christ, the great human sacrifice, shed his precious blood on the summit of Calvary, died once for all, bore our sins, endured the cross, despised the shame, suffered agonies that mortal tongue can never describe, all for the redemption of poor, weak and helpless creatures like we.

God saw that it was necessary, that he should send his only begotten son down to this sinful world to redeem fallen mankind. He was scoffed at, scorned, abused, "despised and rejected of men." In his agony on the cross, surrounded by those who had tormented him in his great love for the souls of men he cried, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." There is no power in heaven or on earth that is able to forgive sins; no power but the power of the living God.

When Christ raised Lazarus from the dead he made the Jews do all in their

power, and what mankind could not accomplish Christ accomplished. Just so with those who come to Christ, they must do all in their power or they will never be saved. It is no use to sit down and fold your arms, and wait for God Almighty's power to carry you to the altar of mercy. You might as well sit down by the roadside and whittle a stick as to do that, it will profit you just as much as to wait for some unseen power to come along and save you without any effort on your part whatever. You have got to work and you have got to pray. I want to tell you that there is a mighty power in prayer. The prayers of Paul and Silas caused the earth to quake and tremble, the old prison walls of Philippi, caused the iron bolts to fly back in their sockets, and the prisoners incarcerated there walked forth from the gloomy dungeons of the jail once more to breathe the blessed air of freedom. Sinners, don't allow yourselves to be bound by the chains of sin. Throw off the burden; Jesus will bear it; bid farewell to the vain things of this world, and come to Jesus while time and opportunity is given you. (Jesus stands with outstretched arms, a sign post, on the road to glory, pointing to you with the finger of love from earth to heaven. Get on the straight and narrow path that leads to glory and you will reap the great reward.)

St. John in speaking of Christ says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." God alone is possessed of the power of saving souls. He who was able to create man is possessed of the power to save. He was able to save the prophet Daniel from the mouths of raging lions; possessed of the power to divide the waters of the Red Sea and permit the children of Israel to pass through on dry ground, was able to destroy the army of Egypt's king, after the children of Israel had passed over in safety. The hosts of Pharaoh came thundering into the jaws of death. God permitted the waters to fall back in their accustomed place, and the hosts of Pharaoh were overwhelmed in the mighty flood. Thus we see that he who is able to create, to give life and to take it away, is the one who is able to save precious and immortal souls from a fate that is even worse than death.

"He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Love the world and things of a worldly nature and you can not love God. "Ye can not serve God and mammon." How great is a mother's love for her child, but the love of a mother is not to be compar-

ed to the love of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Jesus Christ is the Son of God in a peculiar sense, in a much higher sense than any other being. Angels are called sons of God. Adam was the son of God. Believers are also the sons of God, but Christ in an infinitely higher sense, is the Son of God."

God was pleased to select the posterity of Abraham from among all other nations as his chosen people. "The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any other people, (for ye were the fewest of all people,) but because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers." Deut. 7: 6-8, and in Deut. 10: 15, "Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he choose their seed after them, even you above all people." It is also said, (Psalms 78: 68,) "He chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved." (Psalms 145: 8.) "The Lord loveth the righteous." Particular persons are also described as the objects of divine love. "Jacob have I loved," and our Savior said to his disciples, "The Father himself loveth you." But it is not by words only, that God has manifested his love to us; he has shown us his love by the most valuable gifts, by the most generous and benevolent actions. God in his infinite love, has given us his Son, his own, his only begotten Son. The words of mortals cannot describe, the hearts of mortals cannot conceive of that divine love.

"Let all the world fall down, and know
That none but God such love could show."

God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. He is willing to save all who will come to him for pardon. I want to tell you, sinner, if you do not come to Christ you will be lost. Life is uncertain, eternity is sure; one by one we are passing away, one by one we are crossing the Jordan of death to meet with the stern realities of another world.

How short is the earthly history of a family. A few short years and the family circle will be scattered, its members will have gone to their respective places in the world, a few short years, and parents and children will have passed from the

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